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AMONG THE SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 25 I left Nashville for a brief trip among the churches and mission schools in the Southern Union Mission.

I arrived in Gadsden just in time to attend the funeral services of Sister Fields. This was a sad time for the church. Sister Fields was to teach the mission school at Greenwood, Miss. On account of her failing health that school has not been started.

Sister Mildred Anderson is teaching the school at Gadsden. The school is having a good influence in the community.

I next visited Birmingham. This is a great, needy field. Elder T. B. Buckner is stationed here. He reports some interest where he is holding cottage meetings. The church roof leaks so badly that they cannot hold meetings when it is rainy weather. We have been waiting for some time to get money to put on a new roof.

I next went to Sylacauga. Brother and Sister Barnes have a good school and the church seemed to be of good courage.

At Montgomery I found Brother and Sister Lawrence and Sister Hurley busy in school and evangelistic work. The school is doing well and a good interest is being developed by the cottage meetings.

We are planning to pitch a tent here early in the spring and work the city well.

My next stop was at Pensacola, Fla. A good work is being done here by Brother and Sister Peters and Sister Delia Wilson. The latter is teaching the school. We had good meetings. The hall was crowded both on the Sabbath and Sunday night. There are about

twenty awaiting baptism. We arranged for Elder Buckner to go and attend to this. We will organize a church a little later. They are in great need of a church building. The new company are showing a deep interest in this as they have already raised about one hundred eighty dollars toward buying a lot.

In Mobile I found Brother and Sister Henery conducting a good school. An interest is also being developed among a few where they are doing Bible work.

Arriving at New Orleans I found Brethren Chatman and Murphy holding Bible readings. Several have united with the church lately. Sister Glasco is teaching the mission school. She has had many trials in getting it started. Our finances have been so low that we have not been able to do all we wished. I trust we will soon be able to furnish seats and other things much needed. We are planning to conduct a vigorous tent effort here as soon as the weather will permit.

At Natchez, Miss., I found Sisters E. Gammon and J. Montgomery deeply interested in their school and Bible work.

The school at Vicksburg is not as large as in former years. Brother and Sister Allison are teaching this school. I found that there was a great need of some repairs on the buildings, but we had to put it off until more funds come in.

After leaving Vicksburg I visited Greenville, Miss. As I came up to the schoolroom I saw the grass all trodden down for some distance around the building. I knew by this that there was a good attendance. Brother and Sister Miller are working beyond their strength. The present enrolment is about one hundred. We will have to take out the partition in the living rooms and use the whole building as a schoolroom.

There is an urgent call here for a music teacher.

On account of my being appointed to take the work of the North American Negro Department I had to hasten on to Nashville to make arrangements for that work. I spent the Sabbath at Memphis on my way, but it rained all day so we could not have a meeting, but I enjoyed a good visit with Elder Jordan. We talked over plans for the work. We desire to run a good strong tent company there next season and build a church if possible.

I was sorry that I could not visit all the schools, but we are glad to report progress in nearly every place. The work is onward and it is high time to push it as never before. May the Lord's blessing greatly attend the work in this union mission.

A. J. HAYSMER.

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FLORIDA COLORED CAMP-MEETING

THE annual camp-meeting for the colored believers in Florida was held at Winter Park, November 4-14. Prior to the camp-meeting, Elder J. W. Manns, our Florida worker, held a two-weeks tent-meeting. This aided largely in awakening a good interest for the outside attendance at our night meetings.

The attendance of our own people, adults and children, was about sixty. During the entire ten days of the meeting we were favored with most excellent help from our Southeastern Union Mission in the person of Elder M. C. Strachan, field secretary. The president of the Florida Conference, Elder R. W. Parmele, also his wife, Doctor Parmele, spent a few days at the camp, and their instruction was greatly appreciated. Brethren J. O. Cole and E. R. Button conducted a six-days canvassers' institute, which resulted

in the preparation and sending out into the field several who will give their entire time for a while to the circulation of our literature.

When Elder Strachan in one of our meetings explained the general plan of operation for the Negro Department of the denomination, there was a hearty loyal response on the part of all our brethren and sisters, and all pledged a more earnest and liberal support of the work in the future than they had given in the past. A very liberal offering was taken up to be credited to the local Negro Department.

On the morning of the last day of the camp one of Florida's beautiful lakes was selected for the baptizing. An immense crowd witnessed the burial of eight dear souls. Four adults of Winter Park took their stand for the truth, and many others are in the valley of decision. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated on the last day of the camp. In fact that entire day was one of most extraordinary joy and blessing to the campers and to the people of Winter Park.

Perfect harmony and unity prevailed with every one throughout the meeting. All felt the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, and returned to their homes with a greater zeal to work in the Master's cause. Elder J. W. Manns followed up the interest one week longer. Let us all remember in our prayers the interested ones at Winter Park.

ALMA CROOKE,
ELLA SANKS.

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THE WORK AT SUMTER, S. C.

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: No doubt you are somewhat surprised to receive this letter from me, one whom you have never seen and perhaps one of whom you have never heard. Well, I take this time and method of introducing myself and the little work at this place to you. You may really have had some knowledge before of the work at this place but not by me.

Well, I am a new convert, a very recent acquisition to Seventh-day Adventists; but an old soldier in the cause of the Master.

On taking a retrospective view of my past religious experience I can see no good reason why I should not always have been as substantial a believer in the

Sabbath as I am at this time. However, " 't is better late than never," but perhaps would be better never late.

Well my brother, I am safe within the fold, and with Jesus Christ as my captain and leader I trust I shall be able to weather the gale.

Yes, while Brother Sydney Scott conducted his tent services here I was a regular attendant on those services and got out of them just what I long wanted to know: Chiefly, when and by whom was the Sabbath changed. When I found out this I saw no reason for further division between us.

Now a few words about the church at this place: A few years ago a Brother M. Glocklan came preaching the Sabbath, but along with his arguments in favor of the true Sabbath he presented other subjects so obnoxious to well-thinking people as to destroy what influence he might otherwise have exercised. He, however, did gain a few that remained true to the faith until Brother Scott came with the tent, when the number was almost doubled. With this number came your humble servant and the few he could influence, and to them he is still adding a few by the assistance of the blessed Master.

The Macedonian cry is what might be expected, and our request for the earnest prayers of all the saints.

J. C. WILSON.

107 Manning Ave.

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SIGNAL, MISSISSIPPI

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: School opened here on the 29th of September. There was a small attendance at first, as the people were very busy gathering their crops, but more have come in since, and my school work is moving on nicely.

I found about fifteen Sabbath-keepers here, but they were not having regular Sabbath-school. I have visited their homes and have given them readings. Now we are having regular Sabbath-school and church services. Several others are interested in our work. One of our white neighbors attended the second meeting we had here, and seemed to enjoy it very much. Last Sabbath some Sabbath-keepers at Adams Landing, who came into the truth under Elder J. E. White some years ago, came up to the meeting.

The boll weevils have caused a panic in

this part of the country. Some of the little ones do not have clothes to wear to school. A barrel of clothing would be much appreciated at this time; also a map or chart as we have nothing in this line.

The Lord is blessing the work here and my courage is good in the Lord. Pray that I may do his will.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

J. C. MILLER.

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YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: We are glad to report that the work at Yazoo City is onward. While, as usual, it presents many difficult situations at times, we nevertheless count them as the means ordained of God whereby we may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." To him, therefore, "be glory and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and forever." Amen.

Our enrolment is fifty-six. This number includes an elderly lady, who comes regularly to the school for private instruction. Considering her age we think she is making remarkable progress, and ere long will be able to read and write fairly well.

As a whole, we have a good, earnest, enthusiastic class of students this year, many of whom are laying definite plans for a life of usefulness in connection with the Lord's work. We are sure it will be gratifying news to readers of the GOSPEL HERALD to know that their help and efforts in behalf of the colored work are not in vain. Then "let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

MR. AND MRS. C. A. CRICHLAW.

408 Clay St., Yazoo City, Miss.

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FROM INDIANA

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: We are a band of twelve small children. This spring our leader gave each one of us ten cents apiece, with which we were to try our talents. We thank the Lord that none of us returned his talent without an increase. So we will gladly send it to the dear little colored children down there, and we hope that they may learn about the dear Saviour, as we are doing from week to week.

Some raised gardens and chickens and sold them, some sold papers. A little

girl four years of age bought flower slips from her aunt and sold the plants which grew from them, this fall. In this way she gained next to the highest amount made.

We will send you \$9.74 and also \$.26 donation from the missionary society at Farmersburg. Yours truly,

BASIL McALLISTER, *Secretary.*
Farmersburg, Ind., Nov. 23, 1909.

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SOSO, MISSISSIPPI

In this place we have a good work started, and our courage is high. The Lord surely has blessed us abundantly the past two years. Two years ago we did not have a school, or anything in the line of religious work. Now we have a fine little school of twelve pupils, who attend regularly, and we are looking for more this winter.

We have a Sabbath-school of fifteen members, three Sabbath-keeping families, and a Missionary Vounteer Society of nine members. We are thankful to the Lord for the progress we have made.

I had a blessed experience this past summer in teaching. As it was my first attempt to teach, I was a little timid at first. But the Lord was with me and gave me success. I enjoyed my work very much indeed. I am glad to be able to do something in helping to teach this message to the people. Let us all labor, and hasten the day of our Lord's return. There is a great work yet to be done here in this Southern field among the colored people. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

I hope to see workers for the Lord go from this little school into the Lord's vineyard some day, as messengers of the Lord's soon coming.

Yours in the Master's service,
GRACIE KNIGHT.

Oct. 24, 1909.

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: Our school opened September 8, 1909, with only two pupils. We are glad to report, however, that there has been a steady growth in our number so that we now have an enrollment of sixty-eight.

We greatly appreciated a few weeks ago, a visit from Prof. F. R. Rogers. He spoke to the children, and, as usual, held their attention during the entire time. He promised to send us an organ

for school use. This we have just received, and we wish to thank the donor through this medium.

We hope the readers of the GOSPEL HERALD will not become weary of our many cries for aid, for we "shall reap if we faint not." We would greatly appreciate maps, blackboards, Bibles, and material for teaching sewing and fancy work. My husband would like to introduce shoemaking as a part of our industrial training; but we have no tools with which to start, and the children's parents are too poor to supply them. We do not believe in an education of the head only, but of the heart and hands as well. We therefore ask your co-operation by furnishing us a supply of shoemaker's tools and school requisites.

I count myself most happy to be engaged in the work of training these young minds for service; especially so when I think of the promise that "they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Yours for service,

MRS. EVA DELONEY-HENRY.
207 Selma St., Mobile, Ala.

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NEWELLTON, LOUISIANA

I CAME here on the fourteenth and opened my school. Although it is about seven miles from town, I believe that much good can be done. If we cannot win the people one way, we can seek some other.

On Sabbath we have no visitors. So I have organized a Young People's Society, that we may have a meeting to which to invite friends. I try to make it interesting, having Bible readings on different subjects, talks, recitations, singing, etc. I am trying as hard as I can, with God's help, to be faithful in the work that he has assigned me.

Yours in the Master's work,
ETHEL WILSON.

Oct. 21, 1909.

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A GOOD LETTER

A DEAR sister in California writes thus: "I now take the time and great pleasure to answer the letter I received from the society something like a month ago. I read and reread the letter with very careful interest, and then considered the matter carefully and prayerfully. I truly am deeply interested in this branch

of the Lord's work, and to-night my heart aches when I think of the terrible crimes that have been committed in the past and are still being committed.

"Since I received your letter, my heart has been stirred and aroused more than ever before with the thought that I must begin at once to redeem the time of my long neglect to discharge my duty toward this long-neglected field and my race. I think how this gospel message is going to reach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; but when I read the Testimony dated October 19, 1908, in the HERALD of November, 1908, saying, 'I am burdened, heavily burdened for the work among the colored people; the gospel is to be presented to the down-trodden negro race,'—my heart was melted.

"I have been seeking the Lord very earnestly concerning the matter; and each time I go to him for sweet communion, I present before him the needs of the Southern Missionary Society.

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UPON the Howard University grounds November 23 there was laid the cornerstone for the new science hall, which is being erected at a cost of ninety thousand dollars, the amount appropriated by Congress. The occasion was significant in that this will be the first institution intended for advanced training in physics, chemistry, and biology ever erected in connection with a college for negroes.

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OBITUARY

LANGLY.—J. S. Langly, born in North Carolina in 1846, departed this life in Louisiana, March 3, 1908. Brother Langly accepted present truth in 1907 and was faithful until death.

Jane Langly, born in North Carolina in 1844 departed this life April 5, 1909, in Louisiana. She embraced present truth in 1907 under the labors of A. C. Chatman and the writer. She continued firm in the faith of the third angel's message until her death.

Died, April 19, 1909, at Newellton, La., Brother Clord Langly, in the 30th year of his age. Brother Langly was born in North Carolina, but removed to Louisiana with his parents when ten years of age. Two years ago he accepted present truth to which he remained faithful till his death. J. F. WEATHINGTON.

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SOUTHERN PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

THOSE who imagine themselves qualified after spending a few weeks, a few months, or even a year or two in the South to solve its problems, ought to read "Christian Reconstruction in the South," by H. Paul Douglass, publishers, the Pilgrim Press.

The author shows in successive sections that the South, beneath its superficial unanimity of opinion, is full of perplexing currents of thought. The border States are not in harmony with the lower South on the negro questions. He says, "The South is not homogeneous, hence cannot have a single sectional character. Since the war it has not reached stable equilibrium. It is in intellectual and moral transition. Its sifting is under way. The battle is on, but the end is not yet."

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A GREAT WORK

It is often the case that those who participate in great events do not realize to the full the importance of the history they help to make. Opportunities come to us and we fail to recognize them until they are gone. But the men and groups of men who do things, are the men who recognize opportunities when they come.

Just now is an opportune time to work for the moral uplifting of the colored people. The bitternesses of the civil war have passed away. Men are now studying the actual conditions that confront the Southern people. They are coming to realize that the negroes must be elevated or they will drag the whites down. In a thousand ways a dependent race, capable of easy exploitation, is a snare to the dominant race. This is coming to be recognized by sober, thinking people all through the South.

Mr. Edgar Gardner Murphy, of Montgomery, Ala., a Southern man by birth and education, has recently written a book, "The Basis of Ascendency," in which he fearlessly defends the proposition that the hope of the South is not in holding the negro down, but in uplifting him; not in degrading him, but in making him self-respecting. Now when this policy is being advocated by Southern men is the time for us as a people to do our work for the negroes.

The South is not a unit upon this question, as it is not upon many questions; but now while men's minds are open, while public sentiment is in a formative condition, while Southern authors, editors, and speakers are found advocating liberal principles, is the opportune time for us to push our work as never before. There is "a going in the tops of the mulberry-trees" and it is time for us to be up and doing.

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DEATH OF SISTER WAGOR

EDITOR GOSPEL HERALD: I am sure it will be a surprise to your readers to learn of the death of dear Sister Wagor. She was called May 6 from our midst. A faithful mother in Zion has fallen.

I cannot refrain from making mention through this paper of her constant faithfulness, as she was well known to you by her good work. Her place cannot be filled. There was never a time since I have known her—sick or well—that she was not doing something toward spreading the message. Her love for the truth kept her hands busy.

I met this sister four years ago. Through her kind and loving advice, I engaged in the work. I have never regretted a moment spent in helping to clothe the poor. For the past sixteen years Sister Wagor has been engaged in this work, her whole heart wrapped up in considering the poor of the South. Read Ps. 41: 1-3.

No later than last fall, Sister Wagor was in Denver under the care of a doctor. As sick as she was, she would get up and sew between times. Her words were that if the Lord was through with her service, she was willing and ready to sleep. She fell asleep in the full assurance of the first resurrection.

I sincerely hope that you will ever pray that we may follow in her footsteps and not faint. I want my brethren and sisters to know that I am a colored sister

and very much interested in this branch of the work.

MRS. FRANCES JOHNSON.

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909

This notice of Sister Wagor's death was received some months ago but was mislaid, for which we are sorry.—*Editor.*

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ANNUAL MEETING

THE second annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Missionary Society, a body corporate under the laws of the State of Tennessee (in effect auxiliary to the Mississippi society of the same name), will be held in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., at 9 A. M., Jan. 24, 1910, for the election of a Board of Trustees, to amend the by-laws fixing the constituency, and for the transaction of such other business as shall legally come before said meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *Pres.*

C. P. BOLLMAN, *Sec.*

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

THIS is to notify all concerned that the eleventh annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Missionary Society, a corporation of the State of Mississippi, will be held at 209 Fayette St., in the city of Vicksburg, Miss., at ten o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, January 12, 1910, for the election of a board of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before said meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *Pres.*

P. E. PALMER, *Sec.*

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GOOD WORDS FROM OKLAHOMA

I WILL do all I can to help God's cause there among the colored race, and will try to interest others as well. You have my prayers that the Hand of Power, the Mighty Hand to save, will be with you in all you endeavor to do for that people, and that the Spirit of the Master will melt the hearts of those who have means to give, to have sympathy for those hungry, needy souls. **MATTIE A. PRICE.**

Ingersoll, Okla.

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ON account of failing health Elder John Christian resigned the secretaryship of the North American Negro Department of the General Conference, and Elder A. J. Haysmer has been appointed to fill the vacancy.